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26 June 1951

Deputy Comptroller

Covert Coordination Committee

REF: memorandum and Appended Tabulations, dated 12 June 1951, from
 25X1A [] OSO to Deputy Comptroller on Above Subject

1. Reference memorandum is most timely and useful in terms of current efforts to clarify the functions of the Covert Coordination Committee and the [] and to properly staff the latter to perform its functions.

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2. As you know, the Covert Coordination Committee was created as a means for securing considered and planned deviations and modifications of Agency regulations and procedures as required by the [] activities, and to provide in lieu thereof special authorities, policies and principles which would govern the implementation and continuation of such projects and ensure the fulfillment of Agency administrative responsibilities.

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3. Experience has since shown that the creation of the Covert Coordination Committee and the development of an Administrative Plan for a project is merely a means to the fulfillment of Agency operational and administrative responsibilities. Glaring deficiencies, however, remain; two of which are as follows:

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b. Provision for the continuing review of these projects to ensure fulfillment of Agency administrative responsibilities and to integrate the operation of these activities into the budgetary, property and financial records of the Agency.

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5. I regret that although many months have elapsed during the discussion stage, it is only within the past week that formal recommendations have been made on a tentative basis to the Assistant Deputy Director (Administration) by both OPC and the Comptroller.


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 a. Corres re Project Policies
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6. In view of OSO's obvious, although quantitatively minor interest in this field of activity, your views and problems should certainly enter into the final product. I will be happy to loan my copy of the Comptroller's recommendation for your review, and you may wish to request from the ADDA the recommendations of OPC.


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